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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6508

BILL NUMBER: HB 1236

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Autism Regional Resource Centers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Summers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) to establish and operate three regional autism resource centers in the state.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires DDRS to establish and operate three regional autism resource centers in the northern, central, and southern parts of the state. The Arc of Indiana estimates the costs of providing three regional autism resources to be approximately \$1.9 M per year. Annual expenditures may be minimized if DDRS elects to utilize preexisting autism resource centers within the geographical requirements contained in the bill. Actual increases in expenditures will depend on DDRS administrative decisions.

No appropriation is provided in the bill. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background Information: FSSA reverted \$32.2 M to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008, of which approximately \$1.5 M was for vacant staff positions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DDRS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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